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1. The Bukhovo Uranium Mine is located approximately 30 kilometers northeast of Sofia, and a little to the north of the Yana Station on the Sofia - Makotsevo (N 42-41, E 23-48) railroad. The mine is south of Murgash Pass, in the Stara Planina area. The old Bukhovo Convent, which has been evacuated and is now used as lodging for workers in the mine, is located nearby.
2. The mine area is surrounded by a high barbed wire fence along which there are five guard control points. In addition, there is a constant patrol of six guards who walk in pairs around the fence at night. The guard at the mine is composed of 200 members of the Bulgarian Militia. There are also 150 railroad guards located at the Yana Station. Entrance to the mine area is by special permit only and persons found lurking in the area without authorization run the risk of being shot without warning.
3. The Bukhovo Mine is said to be one of the richest in Europe. It is operated on a 24-hour basis. Engineers are continually seeking new deposits in the area, and a similar search is being made in an area north of Stara Planina, near Botevgrad.
4. The deposit of uranium at the Bukhovo Mine was found very near the earth's surface, consequently there has been no difficulty in extracting the mineral. Miners are currently working in 70 tunnels and are extracting 650-700 tons of cleaned ore per day. After the ore is cleaned at the mine it is hauled to Yana Station where it is placed in freight cars and sent under strong guard on the Sub-Balkan railway to the Soviet Union.

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